## Notice of Opportunity to Comment USDA Forest Service, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest Ely Ranger District, White Pine and Nye Counties, Nevada

On November 12, 2020 The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Ely District announced the availability of a preliminary Environmental Assessment (EA) to address potential environmental consequences associated with excess wild horses within and outside of the Pancake Complex of herd management areas located in Nye and White Pine counties. The preliminary 10-year Wild Horse Gather EA was available for public review and comment for a period of 30 days. This EA analyzed and incorporated the Monte Cristo Wild Horse Territory on the Ely Ranger District, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. On May 4, 2021 the Ely District of the Bureau of Land Management issued a Final Decision and FONSI for the BLM portions of the Pancake Complex.

The Ely Ranger District of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest intends to utilize the Environmental Analysis and the Environmental Assessment prepared for the Pancake Complex by the Bureau of Land Management to prepare and issue a Decision and FONSI for the Monte Cristo Wild Horse Territory.

The Forest Service is requesting your comments on our proposal to issue a Decision for the Monte Cristo Wild Horse Territory utilizing the BLM's Environmental Assessment for the Pancake Complex. Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, oral, and electronic comments concerning this action will be accepted for 30 calendar days following the publication of this notice in the Ely Times. It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the comment period.

Comments must be submitted to: District Ranger, Ely Ranger District, 825 Avenue E, Ely, Nevada 89301. The fax number is (775) 289-2132. Arrangements can be made to hand deliver comments by contacting Erin Rajala at (775) 289-5129. Comments on this project may also be submitted electronically through the project webpage at http://data.ecosystemmanagement.org/nepaweb/nepa\_project\_exp.php?project=59128. Use the "Comment on Project" link on the "Get Connected" Menu tab on the right side of the page. If uploading a file with comments, comments must be in the form of plain text (.txt), Word (.doc, .docx) or PDF (.pdf). Comments must have an identifiable name attached, or verification of identity will be required. A scanned signature may serve as verification on electronic comments.

Questions should be directed to Acting District Ranger, Erin Rajala at (775) 289-5129, or Amery Sifre, Supervisory Rangeland Management Specialist at (775) 289-5116.